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Examiner's first report on patent application no. 95128/01
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Last proposed amendment no.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for normal examination. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

There is no Notice of Entitlement on file.

1. Claim 1 is not clear as text appears to be repeated at page 62 lines 11-13. See also claim 8, page 64 line 26 to page 65 line 1.
2. Claims 15, 26, 36, 37, 51, 62, 83, 92, 98 and 99 are not fairly based on the description. The described invention appears to reside in a remote health monitoring arrangement for people where a portable terminal, storing personal health information of a user and carried by the user, cooperates with a database containing individual clinical data and medical information to enable remote medical consultation and treatment of people. See particularly though page 2 lines 7-19. The interaction of the portable terminal with such a database is not evident in the above-mentioned claims.
3. Claims 71-82 are not novel in the light of:
 - (a) US 6,101,478 (Brown) 8 August 2000; and
 - (b) US 4,695,954 (Rose et al) 22 September 1987.

Both of these documents individually disclose the prescription determination support arrangements claimed in these claims.

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse. You will need to pay a monthly fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of this report.

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Yours faithfully,

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